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THE GERMAN REPLY

THE SEVERAL German notes are cordial au.d pacific in tenor. They relieve the tension in the de gree that the Imperial government disclaims purpose for the /sinking of the Gulflight, and the Nebraskan. From the standpoint of internaitonal usage, these cases presented a stronger gri and for American protest, than the sinking of the Lusitania,

Since Germany declares that the Gulflight and Nebraskan were attacked in the belief they were British ships, it follows regrets will be expressed and reparation made.

German representations regarding the Lusitania are not so cheerful in hint of amicable adjustment of disagreements.

Germany declares, in effect, that the |Lusitania was an armed ship of war, and thefore not under the protection of the customs which provide for visit and search, and which demand that the crew and passengers shall be put in a place of safety. Those usages apply to merchantmen, but not to war vessels.

Germany's reasons for describing the Ensitania as a warship are based upon the allegations that the ship was constructed in part from the naval fund of Great Britain, that she is registered as a part of the navy of Great Britain, that she had cannon mounted and concealed, that she carried munitions of war, and that she carried Canadian troops, who were to take part in

In conclusion, Germany applies strong language to the conduct of the British government, in permitting passengers to be carried under such conditions.

In the concluding paragraphs of her reply Germany seems to indicate a purpose to continue the sinking of enemy ships according to her submarine practice, unless the conditions of the Declaration of London, those relating to the passage of food stuffs, are comp * d with.

For the present it may be hoped that diplomatic relations will continue. The evident purpose of Germany, in presenting her case in this way, is to raise the question of fact as to whether the Lusitania was a war ship.

To Such a guestion of fact would be a proper question to submit to a court of arbitration, and perhaps it will not be far from the mark to suppose that Germany's next step, in case this government shall regard the Lusitania as a merchantman, will be to ask for the submission of the question to an international tribunal.

a an As hefore, the determination of what is best to be done rests with President Wilson as the head of the American government. He will have peace, if peace is possible. He will leave nothing undone consistent with the honor of the United States, to continue the friendly relations between this country and Germany, and between the United States and all the world.

A COMPARISON OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS UNDER TWO MUNCIPAL GOVERNMENTS

THEN WILLIAM H. MARIGOLD was mayor, the grand list jumped \$25,000,000 almost overnight. The increase was not a growth in property, but an arbitrary adjustment of values. All property had been undervalued for taxation, some of it at fifty percent of market value, some of it as low as 25 per cent. of market value.

The community determined to conform more accurately to the law requiring full market value.

This adjustment reached lands and dwellings with much effectiveness, but left property in manufactures still greatly un-

During the administration of Mayor Buckingham an effort was made to equalize valuations, by bringing manufactures nearer to full market value.

This process was continued through his term and to a degree during the term of Mayor Wilson. During the three years Mayor Wilson has been in office the grand list has increased \$17,000,000, not by actual increase in property values, but largely by arbitrary increases in assessed valuation.

At the present time houses and lands are assessed in the main at full value. Manufacturing property is assessed, in the main, at fifty per cent of value.

These two sharp ascensions in assessed valuation, that during Marigold's term and that during Wilson's term, are from the same cause. There is this remarkable difference, however,

The boost in Marigold's time was followed by a sharp decline in the tax rate.

But the boost in Wilson's time has been followed by a mountainous increase in the tax rate and in city expenditures.

Instead of higher valuations being succeeded by a lower tax rate, and a decreased debt, as in Marigold's day, they have been followed by a higher tax rate and a staggering deht. It may be said of the municipal government now blessing Bridgeport, that it has developed the art of spending to a degree before unheard of in the city's history.

THE VALUE OF TRAFFIC RULES

N MOST OF the jitney accidents two elements appear, one of which is not a jitney element. Most of these accidents, like the majority of automobile mishaps, are brought about by a disregard of the elemental principles of safe driving, and by disobeying traffic rules.

To enforce traffic rules rigidly would prevent most of the accidents that occur in the central portions of the city.

The police should regard with unfavorable eye the practice of cutting corners. This is perhaps the most dangerous single violation of traffic rules. Coming sharply from a side street into a main thoroughfare is another dangerous practice.

Certain streets, such as Main street, State street, Fairfield avenue, Water street, William street, Noble avenue, Park avenue, and others that might be selected, should be classified as principal thoroughfares, and the burden of coming into them from side streets should be placed upon the driver who is entering.

Neither can there he the safety that should exist, until teams and teamsters are held to the same degree of responsibility under the traffic rules, as other vehicles. A team cutting a corner, presents a situation as threatening, as though it were an automobile. A few days rigid enforcement of two or three simple rules, would be beneficial to everybody. In a little

BRIDGEPORT EVENING FARMER with the for the protection of everybody. Failure to obey the rules MAINE MEMORIAL is simply not understanding what they are for, and not knowing they are made to be kept.

NAUGHTY MR. WALSH

OUNG MR. ROCKEFELLER appears to have blinded most Cabinet Members, Survivors of of the members of the Industrial Commission with the consciousness of his pomp and wealth. Current newspaper report is prolific in such headings as, "Walsh only member who examines Rockefeller." A singular bashfulness on the part of other commissioners, or a singular failure on Rockefeller's part to know anything the commission ought to know. The country even is informed that the other commissioners are disturbed because of the drastic quality of Commissioner Walsh's questions. It seems these have not been couched in the proper tone of respectful servility. What should be done to a Federal commissioner who does not know his proper place, and who presumes to cross examine a leading millionaire as ordinary lawyers question ordinary defendants? Oh, for the good old days of the Bastile, and the chopping block!

GIOLITTI

Signor Glovanni Giolitti, for many ears known as "the real king of of the Neutralisti or peace party, was rst portfolio in the government as Minister of the Treasury. Signor n 1903 he again became Prime Minhas won for himself the bitter hadeclaring that his country could win land are and have been Hebrews. rom Austria all that it desired withut plunging the nation into war. For dozen years Signor Giolitti almost bsolutely controlled the Italian Chamber of Deputies. A remarkable lustration of his power was afforded y the downfall of the Sonnino gov-On one day the ministry ad a majority of 300 votes in the crowned King" declared the ministry at an end-and the Chamber hastend to obey his wishes.

DARK CONTINENT'S "U. S. A." PASSES 5TH MILESTONE TODAY.

This last day of May is the fifth irthday of Dark Continent's "U. S. ."-the Union of South Africa. It was on May 31, 1910, that the four British colonies in South Africa—Cape Colony, the Transvaal and Orange Pres State—were formed into a great federation under the British flag. The formation of the union was a triumph of statesmanship, for it marked the the history of a warring world have the wounds of a bloody and terrible held by Kitchener of Khartoum-Africa

le war against the forces of Engand, the Boers are now fighting un-This new allegiance is all the more re- taining the Boers, in their struggle with Engof the Boers were loyal ances. to the Union, and the incipient insurection was speedily suppressed nd statesman who has been premier of the Union since its inception. The misguided fervent patriotism, reprehensible, of the black population of South Africa was manifested by and Johannesburg, following the sink-

As a result of the Union's particition in the present world-war, Gen. Botha and other South African leadrs confidently expect to add largely to the area, power and prestige of their country. Botha's men have already overrun German Southwest Africa and have captured Windhoek, the capital, and other principal towns. In addressing his victorious soldiers, Gen. Botha declared that the capture of Windhoek was of the "utmost imof South Africa, as it means practically complete possession of German Southwest Africa." While the German territory is not now of much importance, it offers natural resources capable of tremendous development. The annexation of German Southwest Africa would mean the addition of \$22,450 square miles to the area of the Union. The population of the Gerre school houses, the Teutons have kindly to the invaders and it has been necessary to import white labor to construct railroads and other public

and the free entry to positions of pocilliation of Boer and Britisher has point where it can withstand the test of war, and offers the the allies. fifteen years ago fighting shoulder to

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JEWS IN ENGLAND

The first widespread movement to obtain full political rights for the its scope than ever, since Gen. John A Italy," and since the war the leader Jews of England was commenced 86 Logan established services of the kind years ago today, when the Hebrews of forty-seven years ago born in Mondovi, and is 73 years old. He first became prominent in Italian politics some 33 years ago, when he tentered the Chamber of Deputies from Dronero. In 1889 he held his sheriff of London and an act was In 1889 he held his sheriff of London, and an act was stored and rigged as it was on the the government as passed enabling him to hold the offinister of the Treasury. Signor fice. Two years later another Jew. a granite and marble base chiselled Holitti has been four times Prime Moses Montefiore, was chosen for the in the form of a gun turret with finister of Italy. His first admin-same position, and was knighted by names of the Maine's 264 victims stration as Premier began in 1892 and the Queen, being the first Hebrew to carved on its curved exterior. asted about two years. In 1901 he be so honored. In 1849 Baron In the presence of veterans of the was made Minister of Interior, and Lionel de Rothschild was elected to Civil and Spanish-American wars, the Parliament, and was again returned president, cabinet, justices of the su ister. Since then he has been, to in 1852 and 1857, but was not perpresent, the power behind the mitted to take his seat until 1858, tions and heads of patriotic organizathrone in Italy, and has made and when an act was passed permitting inmade governments to suit himself. Hebrews to sit in the House of Com-In all the recent affairs in Italy he mons. Alderman Salomons became improvised rigging designed after the has played a prominent part, and by the first Jewish lord mayor of Lonhis advocacy of the neutrality of Italy don 60 years ago, and was after-the veil fell. wards elected to Parliament. In an invocation by Rev. Father Chidtred of the Interventisti party, which from the first advocated the intervention of Italy on the side of the Great Britain. Since then Jews have As part of the Ceremony Frank Ailies. From the beginning of the been eligible to every office within Bagley Daniels and Jonathan Worth struggle Signor Giolitti used all his he gif of he English people, and Daniels, sons of the secretary of the creat influence on the side of peace, many of he leading satesmen of Eng-

COL. SEELY, FORMER BRITISH SECRETARY OF WAR, 47 TODAY.

Col. John Edward Bernard Seely, who was British secretary of war in ley and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, mother the Asquith cabinet until an indiscre-tion during the Ulster troubles led to the loss of his official head, was born forty-seven years ago today. He was the youngest of the sons of Sir Charles for Charles F. Cramer, commander-Seely, long a member of Parliament and the son of a M. P. After leaving Cambridge the future cabinet member was called to the bar and began to take an active interest in politics. to take an active interest in politics, thus following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and elder brother. He achieved his military title as the Heutenant-colonel commanding the Hampshire Carabineers, and proved his military valor with the Imperial Yoemanry in South Africa. His bravery in that struggle won mention in the mast to Washington, was re-af-the dispatches, the D. S. O. and the Queen's medal. He was first elected Memorial ceremonies of the day to Parliament from the Isle of Wight in 1900, and in 1906 was of statesmanship, for it marked the final step in granting the largest from Liverpool, and since 1910, from known dead whose memory was measure of independence and self-government to England's late enemies, was that of under secretary for the the Boers of the Transvall and the colonies, which he held from 1908 to the huge grave of 2,111 Union solution of the position of the suppose rank and names are not Orange Free State. Never before in 1910. His elevation to the position of the history of a warring world have secretary of war—the exalted job new known, was covered with flowers. a recognition of his military experi-His resignation last year followed the public clamor incident to District of Columbia the Ulster disturbance. With Viscount land, the Boers are now fighting un-der the banner of their late enemy. Col. Seely drafted a document con-lowing an opening address by Departassurances to Brig.-Gen. markable when it is considered that Gough that the troops in Ireland the Boers, in their struggle with Eng-land, had the support and sympathy of Germany. While a few of the ir-reconcilables raised the standard of reconcilables raised that discovered that would not be used.

Warshal Sir John French, now com-mander of the British forces in France, also joined in these assur-in the historic, vine-colored amphi-Sir John Ewart persisted in resigning, grounds overlooking the national rection was speedily suppressed by Col. Seely necessarily had to follow Gen. Louis Botha, the Boer soldier their example, although attempts were made to keep him in the cabinet. Soon after the outbreak of the European conflict the former secretary of war went to the front as a staff officer, and, it is said, soon demonstrated the anti-German riots in Cape Town that he was a better soldier than It was said that he especially distinguished himself in scouting, and that on several occasions he lief Corps. has rescued wounded men.

DUKE OF WURTTEMBERG.

Duke Albert, heir to the throne of Wurttemberg and one of the ablest commanders of royal blood, is fifty years old, having been born in 1865 He is a distant kinsman of King Wilthough twice married, has no male children. Duke Albert married the by the president of the United States efforts "to keep us out of the brolls died some thirteen years ago, but left the duke six children, three sons and three daughters. Duke Albert holds an important command in the Germany army, and is very popular with his future subjects. King William II. of Wurttemberg is now man colony is about a quarter of a years old and has occupied the throne best to perform his duty to his family, million, but there are only about 5,- for nearly twenty-four years. His to society and the state, though he 000 whites among the permanent res- first wife, Princess Marie of Waldeck, idents. The German's have not been gave him only one child, a daughter, dents. The Germans have not been gave him only one child, who married Prince Frederick of German Southwest Africa. Where in Wied, and by his second wife, Princess the British African possessions there Charlotte of Schaumburg-Lippe, he has had no children. The men of built barracks. In German Southwest Wurttemberg, who have been led in-Africa the natives have not taken to battle by Duke Albert, are considered among the best of German warto riors. Wurttemberg became an inde-blic pendent duchy in 1494, under Eber-Since its birth five years ago today the Union of South Africa has faced many serious problems. The equality hard I., and although his successor of the Dutch and English languages, dukes were Protestants, and fought on their side in the Thirty Years' War, those without. A ghastly prosperity litical power by both nationalities, until 1722, when Duke Eberhard fed t tended to weld the once warring Louis, who served under William III. dure. whites, but the race question, as pre-sented by the presence of so many armies on the continent, became a sented by the presence of so many armies on the continent, became a blacks, has often reached an acute Catholic. Frederick, who married the stage. The general strike and labor Princess Royal of England, was made war early in 1914 was a serious manian elector of Germany in 1803, and whole, however, the infant nation has tional territory was elevated to a made wonderful progress. The recontemberg. He sided with Napoleon in the Russian invasion, but later joined strange spectacle of the enemies of Prussia in the war of 1866, but sent a contingent to Prussia in the Franco-Prussian war four years later. The present monarch's father was a cousin and his mother a sister, of the TRY SPRING CUSTOM SUITS BUY late King Charles I., his predecessor

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GOVERNOR WILLIS URGES NATION TO KEEP PEACE

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Washington, June 1-Unveiling and

edication of the Maine memorial monument, erected by the governto the dead of the battleship destroyed seventeen years ago in Havana harbor, was the principal feature of Memorial Day ceremonies in Arlington cemetery, yesterday, President Wilson, Secretary Bryan

Secretary Daniels and Governor Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, were on the

tions of the United States, the fitting memorial was today unveiled. Fifty white-uniformed marines manned th This exercise followe

navy and nephews of Ensign Worth Bagley, the first American officer killed in the war with Spain, raised an ensign to the top of the mast and hoisted signal flags flaring to breeze the words "Maine, 1915." youths, clad in sailor suits, were at tended by Mrs. Adelaide Worth Bag and sister of Ensign Bagley. Secretary Daniels was on the program for S. A.; Monsignor W. T. Russell, a Spanish-War veteran, pronounced the

enediction and "taps" were sounded.

A memorial tablet placed upon the mast in Havana harbor by the Havana Chapter of the Daughters of the American revolution which was removed when the government removed the mast to Washington, was re-af-

were in four sections beginning with returned exercises at the graves of the un--was Following those ceremonies, memorial tribute to victims of the Spanish war under auspices of the Veterans. Secretary Bryan

ment Commander H. C. Wilson Elaborate ceremonies characterize When Sir John French and theatre on the crest of the Arlington capital. John McElroy, acting depart ment commander G. A. R. was master Wilson and other speakers including Past Department Commander A. P. Tasker, Past Department Commande George H. Slaybaugh, who read Lincoln's Gettysburg address, and Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, Past National Senior Vice-President Woman's Re-

> The program included a salute o twenty-one guns, at the arrival of the president. After the general careonies and decoration of the graves of 23,000 soldiers in Arlington, came the dedication of the Maine memorial which closed the day's events

Governor Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, paid tribute to "the unknown dead" in

Governor Willis, "that there is a heroism of peace as well as a heroism of war. In its biggest and best sense, scientiously and unceasingly does his best to perform his duty to his family, may be to fortune and fame unknown, is nevertheless, rendering a high public service.

"It is a proper function of government to encourage its citizens in the solution of their country's problems by giving every man, without regard to race or color, a fair chance, and by encouraging our people to sobriety, inple must be kept busy, our working our industries must prosper, legitimate enterprise should be encouraged. And this prosperity must depend upon fed upon dead men cannot long en-

"The president of the United States is making a successful effort to keep us out of the broils of Europe. Now stage. The general strike and labor war early in 1914 was a serious manifestation of industrial unrest. On the whole, however, the infant nation has made wonderful progress. The reconbelligerents than the rest of us can possibly know; let us hold up his hands in the patriotic effort making in this crisis.

"Our flag must mean the same to all the world as it means to us; it must stand for calm courage, steadfast devotion and lofty purposes in all our dealings with foreign nations. Righteousness is the strength of our America is for the preserva-

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tion of the rights of Americans for equity and justice and peace with

ples and greens,

To the Editor of The Farmer Regarding published statements in reference to the Hod Carriers' organ-ization in this city, and with a view of officially informing the public, we would respectfully call your attention to the following facts:

Building and Common Laborers' Union of America is affiliated with the Amerheroism is courageous service of the ican Federation of Labor and is there-He who calmly, con- fore the only recognized Hod Carriers organization) The Bridgeport local of this organi-

> no connection with Workers of the World. Statements to the contrary are mis-

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